

Crime Decreasing Says Prison Head

Jump in Jail Population not Indicative of More Lawlessness

CINCINNATI, May 20—(AP)—Crime definitely is decreasing in the United States, James V. Bennett, director of the federal bureau of prisons, told the American Psychiatric association today.

The prison population of the country has jumped from 120,000 to 175,000 during the past 10 years, but those figures do not indicate more lawlessness, he said, reporting:

"The increase in the number of prisoners probably is due to the imposition of longer sentences and to the fact that new laws have made crimes of those acts which were not previously regarded as criminal" such as the sale and use of marijuana, or hashish.

Actual statistics show that there has been some increase in the number of cases of larceny and rape in recent years, "but criminal homicides, robbery, assault, burglary and auto theft have decreased," Bennett declared.

"Some persons try to prove that the increase in the prison population is due to a biologic change in the race, producing more people basically unfit to meet the problems of present civilization, and that soon society may not be able to support them. I am one of those who are not yet ready to accept such defeatism and believe that we have not yet begun to tap the possibilities of readjusting the anti-social, the psychopathic and the handicapped."

Third Attempt at Suicide Under Truck Successful

YREKA, Calif., May 20—(AP)—Traffic Officer Herb Luce reported that after at least three unsuccessful attempts, James Patrick Johnson, 30, of Wenatchee, Wash., diverged under a freight truck trailer Saturday to be crushed to death.

'Voice From Dead' Is Slaying Cause

MANITOWOC, Wis., May 20—(AP)—A young man fired three bullets into the body of her seven-year-old son tonight because, she told police, "some dead boy" had been asking to have her son join him.

Police Lieut. Aaron Peterson said the son, Jack Verlaan, was in extremely critical condition and was receiving blood transfusions in an effort to save his life. He said the boy's mother, Mrs. J. H. Verlaan, about 37, was being held without charge.

Officers Charles Denore and Melvin Reinhardt, summoned to the Verlaan home by neighbors who heard the shots, said Mrs. Verlaan told them: "I've killed my boy. If he doesn't die, you'll kill him for me if you take him away with you, won't you? Because I've got a lot of other people to kill."

Death of Officer Held Accidental

SEATTLE, May 20—(AP)—Civil and naval authorities concluded today after a two-day investigation that Lieut. Henry I. Allen, commander of the navy's eagle boat 38, died early Sunday in an unexplained fall on his way to the waterfront.

Officers at first believed he was a hit-and-run victim, but Deputy Coroner Stanley Morgan said tonight the evidence pointed to a fall. The body was found sprawled below a staircase.

Two Asphyxiated Aboard US Ship

SAN PEDRO, Calif., May 20—(AP)—Two sailors aboard the USS California were asphyxiated in the ship's fire room Thursday as the battleship was en route here from Hawaii, Capt. H. M. Bomis disclosed on its arrival.

The dead: Earl Phillips, 29, water tender 2nd class, next of kin his wife, Mrs. Eileen Ruth Phillips, of Pasadena. Lincoln Peter Snider, 22, fireman 3rd class, next of kin his father, Genit Snider, Anchorage, Alaska.

Street Work Due To Start Early

PORTLAND, May 20—(AP)—City Commissioner W. A. Bowes said today Portland's front avenue super highway and waterfront beautification project probably will be started by August 1.

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CCC Youth Drowns

PENDLETON, Ore., May 20—(AP)—Mario Ranzazzia, 20, Brooklyn, N.Y. member of the Squaw Creek CCC camp, drowned Sunday in the Camas creek pool at Ukiah.

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Benefits Claimed For Milk Control

Has Brought Order With no Advance in Price, Chamber Is Told

Immeasurable benefits in the way of orderly marketing and safe supply have been achieved by the Oregon dairy industry under the milk control law while in the period of its operation the average retail milk price in Portland has been lower than in the preceding decade, Will W. Henry, manager of the Oregon Dairy cooperative, contended in an address at the Salem chamber of commerce luncheon Monday noon.

Mr. Henry traced the history of milk in Oregon from the 1908 period when the milkman drove around with the reins in one hand and a dipper in the other through the early period of pasteurization when farm-to-kitchen marketing ceased to be practicable and the succeeding period of strife between producers and distributors and among the latter group, when price cutting had been achieved by the Oregon Dairy cooperative.

Opportunity Retained The milk control law does not keep beginners out of the market, for there is no restriction on production of factory milk and beginners meeting the sanitation tests may purchase quotas or obtain a share of any increase in the market, the speaker said.

In introducing the speaker, Henry C. Klaus, manager of the local branch of the cooperative, described the growth and present extent of the organization. W. T. Jenks of the chamber's commerce committee presented a report on trends in foreign trade including a conclusion that reciprocal trade agreements were beneficial to the United States, contrary to rather general belief in the northwest.

Father of Editor Dies From Hurts

Robert A. Kietzing, 82, father of Ralph H. Kietzing, editor of The Independence Enterprise, died in Portland yesterday as result of injuries received Sunday night when he was struck by M. F. Keeland of Portland at Northeast Union avenue and Jessup street.

Mr. Kietzing was apparently returning to the home of his son, Lewis N. Kietzing, at 5774 Northeast Garfield street, when he was struck. Mr. Kietzing had lived for the last 25 years in Portland. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and followed the teaching profession until his retirement some years ago. Graveside services will be held at Belcrest with Smith-Baun funeral directors of Independence in charge.

Tombstone Cause Of Fatal Quarrel

WAUSEON, O., May 20—(AP)—Mrs. Fannie Whitcomb, 32, is dead, and 30-year-old Hiram Derby, her husband's stepfather, is under arrest today—because of an argument over a tombstone. Sheriff Harley Loveland said Derby confessed the shooting at the Whitcomb home near here last night and Prosecutor J. C. Faxson said a first degree murder charge would be filed against him.

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Ellis Lead Sufficient; One Precinct Still out

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20—(AP)—With unofficial returns from 413 of the 414 precincts in Oregon's second congressional district compiled tonight, Rex Ellis of Pendleton led Roy Ritter, also of Pendleton, 11,247 to 10,391, for the democratic congressional nomination.

Snites Expecting Stork, September

CHICAGO, May 20—(AP)—Fred Snite, Jr., famed infantile paralysis victim who has lived in his respirator for four years, and his wife expect a child next September.

"The 'boiler kid' made the announcement himself in a mimeographed paper received by several hundred friends today. The last item on the fourth and last page of the latest edition of his publication, "Back Talk," set forth simply: "The long-legged bird is expected by Tessie and Frederick in September. "And so you see God continues to shower us with all his choicest blessings, for which we are ever grateful."

Mrs. Whitney Divorced

CARSON CITY, Nev., May 20—(AP)—Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney was granted an uncontested divorce from her wealthy sportsman husband, John Hay "Jock" Whitney, in district court here today. She charged desertion.

Tells of Plans for Portland Highway

No time will be lost in starting work on the \$4,000,000 Front street development in Portland, provided federal funds are made available, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, declared here Monday.

Portland voters, at a special election there last Friday, approved a \$120,000 bond issue for the project. This money, along with \$800,000 set aside by the state highway commission, would be used for purchasing right of way.

Baldock said a preliminary plan, calling for an additional state appropriation of \$1,200,000 and a federal appropriation of \$800,000, already had been submitted to federal officials. A final proposal to the government probably will be outlined at a special meeting of the state highway commission here Thursday.

Malheur Commissioner Ties Indicated in Race, Malheur Commissioner

ONTARIO, Ore., May 20—(AP)—Friday's primary election in Malheur county produced the first tie vote in county history on the basis of complete returns compiled tonight.

Nazis Plan "Last Stand" at Narvik

STOCKHOLM, May 20—(AP)—German troops defending the Norwegian ore port of Narvik from allied attackers tonight were reported erecting fortifications along the Narvik-Kiruna, Sweden railroad for a last stand.

Landon-Roosevelt Confab Cancelled

CHICAGO, May 21—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The Tribune said today that Alf M. Landon, en route to a White House luncheon with President Roosevelt, had received a message rescinding the invitation.

Legitimate Field Seen For Lawyer's Services In Matters of Parole

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 20—(AP)—In answer to Governor Charles Sprague's recent criticism of lawyers who represent applicants for parole or pardon, a State Bar association committee claimed today there "is a legitimate field for legitimate service by lawyers in connection with parole and pardon matters."

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